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M e m o r a n d u m

Date: March 31, 2003
To: Directors of Special Education
Charter School Administrators
From: Peggy Staples
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RE: **2002-2003 Performance Indicators**

One of the ADE's goals has been, and continues to be, the reduction of the data collection burden that is placed on districts and charter schools. In an effort to assist in this goal, ESS has eliminated a few reporting requirements from the 2002-2003 Annual Special Education Data Collection online application, which will be available under the Common Logon on April 1, 2003. Some of the performance indicator data can be extracted from the Student Accountability Information System (SAIS). Thus we have opted to utilize this data. However, because of many as yet unresolved issues with regard to SAIS data submissions, four performance indicators that will be reported by ADE will appear to be non-validated and inaccurate.

Districts and charter schools will be responsible for the remaining performance indicator data and although the data reported by ADE may appear to be inaccurate, this will not affect the final submission process of your Annual Special Education Data Collection. When all of the SAIS related issues have been resolved, we will generate an update of the performance indicators, and alert you when we post them on the ADE/ESS website.

Workshops for this online application have been scheduled during April and May. For more information and to register, please contact Nicole Armstrong at 602-364-0504 or via email at narmstr@ade.az.gov.

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) requires this data in order for the state to receive Part B IDEA funding. Therefore, *failure to promptly submit your data may cause an interruption of your federal funds*. All online submissions are due on **July 31, 2003**.

cc: Regional Training Centers
ADE/ESS Specialists
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